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1. Location:

In the northeast section of LENINGORSK (83°32'E/50°22' N),
East Kazakhstan Oblast, on a hill.

2. Plant Installations:

The plant covers a 1.2 mile-square area; it has several lead
ore mines, smelting plants, a foundry, a machine department,
a power plant, and several other installations required for
the production of lead and the maintenance of the lead produc-
ing departments (see Annex). The plant has a railroad track
with several spurs running around the hill.

3. Work Force:

Work is done in the mines in three shifts of 500 PWs each and
500 forced laborers. The total work force was unknown.

4. Production:

Lead ingots and leaden containers.

Comment:

a. The existence of the plant was known before the war. The
production target for 1942 was 35,000 tons of crude lead. In
addition to lead, small quantities of gold, silver, zinc, pla-
tinum, and other precious metals were mined and produced. The
plant employed about 25,000 workers in 1941.

b. This is the first recent report on the plant.

c. The data on the location of the plant is correct. The fac-
tory railway is reproduced on an available town plan of RIDDER
at the beginning of the war in just the same way as on the
attached annex.

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d. On the most important plant department, the attached sketch agrees with a previous plan, but further confirmatory data are required.

1 annex: Lead Plant in LENINGORSK (HIDDEN)

Legend to Annex:

- 1 Brickyard
- 2 Machine department
- 3 Magazine and repair shop
- 4 Electric steel furnace
- 5 Carbide plant
- 6a Lead ore smeltery with four furnaces
- 6b Lead ore smeltery with three furnaces
- 7 English factory
- 8 Steel foundry
- 9 Metal-working plant
- 10 Lead foundry
- 11 Power plant
- 12 Lead ore processing plant (washing process)
- 13 Pit mouth
- 14 Pit mouth of the LENINGORSK pit
- 15 (a & b) Pit heads
- 16 New Altai pit
- 17 Officers' billets
- 18 Barracks
- 19 Cinema
- 20 Wooden sheds with dressing cabins and kitchen
- 21 Several buildings of unidentified use.

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